

# VISION SCIENCES SOCIETY EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

TradeWinds Island Resorts St. Pete Beach, Florida May 15-20, 2020

### VSS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday, May 15

- Member-Initiated Symposia
- Opening Night Reception
- Exhibits Load-in

### Saturday, May 16

- Exhibits Load-in
- Talk and Poster Sessions
- Exhibits Open
- Keynote Speaker: Suzana Herculano

### Sunday, May 17

- Talk and Poster Sessions
- Student Workshops
- Funding Workshop
- VSS 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Exhibits Open

### Monday, May 18

- Talk and Poster Sessions
- VSS Awards Session
- Meet the Professors
- Exhibits Open
- Demo Night (exhibitors are invited to demo night)

### Tuesday, May 19

- Talk and Poster Sessions
- Exhibits Open
- Exhibits Loadout
- Club Vision Dance Party

### Wednesday, May 20

No Exhibits

**he Vision Sciences Society** is committed to progress in understanding vision and its relation to cognition, action and the brain. Our primary goal is to host a yearly meeting where both new and established investigators can present and

discuss their work in a relaxed informal setting. Our interdisciplinary nature is reflected by the program committee and review board

VSS will celebrate its seventh year at the beautiful TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida. The City of St. Pete Beach is a barrier island community located off the mainland of St. Petersburg, just south of Treasure Island and 20 miles from Clearwater Beach. With miles of pristine, white sandy beaches, year-round sunshine, and an abundance of recreational opportunities, restaurants, and shopping, St. Petersburg boasts world class museums, including the Salvador Dali Museum.

Expect to see more than 2,000 VSS national and international researchers and professionals – mostly VSS Society members – representing all fields related to vision science. This six-day program of speakers, panels, posters, and exhibits addresses various aspects of vision science education and research.

In addition, 2020 marks the Society's 20th anniversary, and we are looking forward to hosting many special events!

**Your company is invited to exhibit** at the twentieth Annual VSS Meeting, May 15-20, 2020, at the TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida. See the Exhibitor Information page for exhibit rates and details.

**Your company is invited to advertise** in the meeting program and distribute product flyers in the attendee meeting packet. See the Advertising Information page for advertising rates.

#### Other opportunities...

If you have other ideas for supporting VSS that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact the VSS Exhibit Manager at 833.444.5777 or exhibits@visionsciences.org.

### **Past Exhibitors**

- ♦ 3dMD
- ♦ Applied Science Laboratories
- ♦ Arrington Research, Inc.
- ♦ ARVO
- ♦ The Black Box Toolkit, Ltd.
- ♦ Brain Vision, LLC
- ♦ Cambridge Electronic Design, LTD
- ♦ Cambridge Research Systems
- ♦ Cortech Solutions, Inc.
- ♦ Dimensional Imaging
- ♦ Edward Ryklin, Inc.
- ♦ Exponent, Inc
- ♦ Eyetellect
- ♦ LC Technologies, Inc.
- ♦ The MIT Press
- ♦ Motion Imaging Corporation
- ♦ Nature Publishing Group
- ♦ Neurometrics Institute
- ♦ NeuroNexus
- Oxford University Press

- ♦ Psychonomic Society
- ♦ Rimkus Consulting Group, Inc.
- ♦ Rogue Research Inc.
- ♦ Rogue Resolution
- ♦ Ryklin Software, Inc.
- ♦ Sensics, Inc.
- ♦ SensoMotoric Instruments, Inc.
- ♦ Sinauer Associates, Inc.
- ♦ Smart Eye AB
- ◆ SMI Eye & Gaze Tracking
- ♦ SR Research Ltd.
- ♦ Starr Life Sciences Corp.
- ♦ Thouslite Lights Lighting
- ♦ Tobii Pro
- ♦ Tucker-Davis Technologies (TDT)
- VPixx Technologies Inc.
- ♦ Ward Technical Consulting
- ♦ WorldViz
- ♦ Worth Publishers

### EXHIBITOR INFORMATION



### EXHIBIT SPACE

Exhibit booths will be located in the Pavilion at the TradeWinds Island Grand, allowing for maximum visibility to attendees. Exhibit space is one 10' deep by 10' wide booth, which includes curtain side rails and backdrop, 6' x 30'' skirted table, two chairs, and identification sign.

To receive the early-bird pricing, exhibitor applications and payments must be received by March 2, 2020. The last day that applications will be considered is March 30, 2020 (although exhibit space may sell out before that date and space is not guaranteed). Exhibit space is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve exhibit space, please submit the online <u>Exhibitor/Advertiser Application</u>. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Upon receipt of your application, an invoice will be emailed to you.

Complimentary advance registration for four staff is included with each exhibit space. Staff names and email addresses should be entered on the Exhibitor Application. Additional representatives must pay the applicable meeting registration fee. All exhibitors and their representatives are required to wear badges in the exhibit area.

Exhibitor information, which includes information about shipping, storage, conference registration and special requests, will be sent to you in April, 2020.

### PAYMENT & DEADLINES

The final deadline for reserving exhibit space and a listing in the VSS 2020 Meeting Program is March 30, 2020.

The early-bird fee for exhibit space is \$1,800. After March 2, 2020, the fee is \$2,000.

EXHIBIT HOURS (Due to the special 20th Anniversary events, exact exhibit times are TBD)

DATE	HOURS	EVENT
Friday, May 15	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Exhibits Load-in/Set up
Saturday, May 16	7:00 - 9:00 am 9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Exhibits Set up Exhibits Open
Sunday, May 17	9:00 am - 5:30 pm	Exhibits Open
Monday, May 18	9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Exhibits Open
Tuesday, May 19	9:00 am - 5:30 pm 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Exhibits Open Exhibitor Tear-Down

Setup may not begin before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2020. Any exhibit space not set up and occupied by 9:00 am on Saturday, May 16, 2020, may be cancelled without refund and reassigned by VSS.

No materials may be removed and no packing will be allowed before 5:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2020

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EXHIBIT SPACE RESERVATION: Exhibit space will be reserved upon receipt of the completed Exhibitor Application and payment. Confirmation of booth reservation will be sent via email. Booth reservation can be made by mail or fax.

PAYMENT: Payment must accompany your Exhibit Application. Payment can be made by check, money order, or credit card. To reserve by fax, complete the Exhibitor Application, including credit card information, and fax to 415.593.7606. To reserve by mail, complete the Exhibitor Application and mail, along with payment, to: VSS Exhibits, 19 Richardson Road, Novato, CA 94949. There is a \$25 charge for returned checks.

BOOTH STAFFING: Each booth reservation includes complimentary meeting registrations for up to four company representatives. Named badges will be issued as indicated on the Exhibitor Application. Exhibitors are required to wear badges at all times when in the exhibit area. Additional representatives must pay regular meeting fees to attend.

EXHIBIT SPACE SETUP/TEARDOWN: Exhibitors shall not set up or tear down their exhibit space during exhibit hours. Any exhibit space not occupied by the start of exhibit hours may be cancelled without refund and reassigned by VSS. Failure to occupy booth space in no way releases an exhibitor from the obligation to pay the full exhibitor fee.

EXHIBIT POLICY: All exhibitors are responsible for being aware of and adhering to the following policies.

- Exhibitors must keep their exhibit space open and staffed during exhibit hall hours.
- Exhibitors shall not schedule or promote competitive acitivities during the time of the meeting, except with the approval of VSS.
- Exhibitors may not sublet or assign any portion of their exhibit space.
- Exhibitors agree to comply with all decisions of the Exhibit Manager.
- VSS shall deny, within its sole discretion and for whatever reason, participation at the Meeting of any exhibitor which VSS deems to be inappropriate for the Meeting or which VSS believes would be disruptive to the activities of the Meeting.
- Exhibitors acknowledge that the term "VSS" and "VSS 2020" and any associated logos are servicemarks of VSS. These servicemarks, or any other servicemark owned or controlled by VSS, may not be used by exhibitors except as prescribed by VSS. Exhibitors may not use any VSS servicemark as a basis for scheduling or promoting any events that would be competitive to the activities of the Meeting.
- VSS reserves the right to relocate booths for the overall benefit of the meeting.

SECURITY: Security will be provided during non-exhibit hours, from the end of the exhibit day hours until exhibits open the following morning. However, liability for all equipment and materials remains with the individual exhibitor.

MEETING SERVICES: Exhibitor information will be emailed to you in April, 2020, which describes your options for ordering equipment and

services, such as furniture, computer, audiovisual, electrical, Internet access, and telecom.

FREIGHT HANDLING: Shipment of equipment and supplies must be arranged through Gulf Coast Expo, which will transport your shipment to the meeting, deliver it to your booth, remove it at the conclusion of the meeting, and ship it back to your company. All your representatives have to do is set up your exhibit and dismantle it. Confirmed exhibitors will receive shipping information along with a complete kit from Gulf Coast Expo approximately 60 days prior to the meeting.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Exhibit space cancellations must be sent in writing to the Exhibits Manager. Cancellations made after March 2, 2020 and on or before April 6, 2020 will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refunds for exhibit space cancellations received after April 6, 2020. For cancellations, contact the VSS Exhibit Manager at 833.444.5777 or exhibits@visionsciences.org.

INSURANCE: All exhibitors may be required to sign an Indemnity and Liability Limitation Agreement.

INDEMNITY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: Neither the Meeting nor VSS, nor any of their officers, agents, employees, affiliates or other representatives shall be held liable for, and they are hereby released from liability for, any damage, loss, harm or injury to the person or property of the exhibitor or any of its officers, agents, employees or other representatives, resulting from theft, fire, water, accident or any other cause. The exhibitor shall also indemnify and hold harmless VSS from demands, suits, liability, damages, loss, costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of whatever kind of nature, including but not limited to, claims of damage or loss resulting from the breach of these terms, conditions and rules, claims of property or personal injury caused by or attributable in whole or in part to any action or failure to act whether by negligence or otherwise, on the part of the exhibitor or any of its officers, agents, employees or other representatives, and claims of damage or loss to any third party resulting from an infringement of a copyright or patent or the unauthorized use of a registered trademark.

MUSIC AND AMPLIFICATION: The use of amplification, recordings, videos, slides or other audio-visual devices is permissible; however, the sound volume of any such device must not exceed that of normal conversation voice level or be objectionable to neighboring exhibitors.

SOLICITATION: All demonstrations and interviews must be conducted within your assigned booth space. All exhibitor printed materials, souvenirs and other articles must be distributed within your assigned booth space. Aisle space must be kept clear to permit for a smooth flow of traffic. Distribution of printed materials, souvenirs and other articles in the registration area, common areas outside the exhibit area, meeting rooms, or food and beverage areas is prohibited. The operation of lotteries or games of chance is permitted within applicable law. VSS reserves the right to prohibit the distribution of items it deems objectionable or otherwise inappropriate.

## ADVERTISING INFORMATION



VSS is pleased to offer the following advertising opportunities.

Advertising is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Advertising applications and payment are due by March 30, 2020. A 10% discount on advertising is offered to companies who also reserve exhibit space.

To reserve advertising space, please submit the online <u>Exhibitor/Advertiser Application</u>. No telephone reservations will be accepted. Upon receipt of your application, an invoice will be emailed to you. Advertising space will be assigned when payment is made in full.

### ADVERTISE IN THE MEETING PROGRAM

### **Program Advertising Rates:**

Half page B&W \$550 Full page B&W \$800

Inside back cover COLOR \$1100 Inside front cover COLOR \$1300

Publishers, product manufacturers, and service providers are invited to place advertisements in the VSS 2020 Meeting Program. This publication will be distributed free of charge to more than 2,000 vision science professionals, including VSS members and meeting registrants.

Camera-ready copy or PDF (preferred) is due by April 3, 2020. Half-page copy size is 7.5" wide by 4.75" high; full-page copy size is 7.5" wide by 10" high. Proofs will not be provided.

### ADVERTISE IN THE ATTENDEE MEETING PACKET

Distribution of Flyers: \$750 per unique piece. Distribution of Brochures/Journals: \$1000 per unique piece.

Companies may choose to insert a flyer, journal, or brochure of their own design into the attendee meeting packet to be distributed to each of the expected 2,000 attendees. Flyers are limited to a single sheet, not to exceed 8.5" x 11" in size. Journals or brochures are also limited to 8.5" x 11" in size, but can be multiple pages.

A sample of your flyer or journal/brochure must be submitted for VSS approval no later than April 24, 2020. Flyers/Journals/Brochures must arrive at the TradeWinds Island Resorts no later than Friday, May 8, 2020. Shipping instructions will be provided with your advertising order confirmation.

### MEETING HOTEL

The twentieth Annual Meeting of the Vision Sciences Society will be held at the beautiful TradeWinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, Florida. VSS has negotiated the following room rates for attendees:

Single/Double: \$169

\$15 for each additional person

To reserve your room, call 1-800-808-9833 or reserve online by going to: https://www.visionsciences.org/accommodations/, then click "Reserve a Room."



If you want to stay at the meeting hotel, make your reservation soon, as rooms sell out early.